

**Full Delegation Meeting**  
**11/5/13**  
**Valley Regional Hospital, Buckley Conference Room, Claremont**

**Delegation Members Present:** Reps. John Cloutier, James Grenier, Philip "Joe" Osgood, Andrew Schmidt, Cynthia Sweeney, Steven Smith, Ray Gagnon

**Delegation Members Absent:** Reps. Suzanne Gottling, Virginia Irwin, Benjamin Lefebvre, Andrew O'Hearne, Skip Rollins, Linda Tanner

**Special Guests:** Senator David Pierce, Peter Wright CEO, Valley Regional Hospital

Mr. Wright noted consequences of Anthems exclusion:

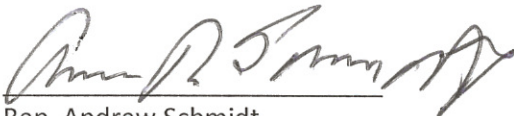
- Dartmouth Hitchcock cannot handle the extra volume of patients,
- It would be 30-40 miles for your continuants in Sullivan County to travel for care,
- High risk pool patients common in Claremont, and
- Transportation is a problem in Claremont,
- Fundamental problem is that Anthem is the sole exchange carrier and is taking unfair advantage of its monopoly position as sole carrier. Also, Anthem neither notified, nor, consulted Valley Regional Hospital in advance of its decision.

John Tomlinson, Anesthetist.

Bob Bassett MD, Orthopaedic Surgeon, noted *"We deserve access to Obama Care as matter of justice"*.

Ralph Olsen and Laura Hagley, noted *"Reliable transportation is a problem for many patients now"*.

Mike O'Connell, Valley Regional Trustee and River Valley Community College Community Professor, noted *"a lot of my students can't afford gas for their cars now."*



Rep. Andrew Schmidt  
Clerk

Date Approved: 5/29/2014 STC

SULLIVAN COUNTY NH – STATE / COUNTY DELEGATION

**ATTENDANCE SHEET**

**DATE OF MEETING:** Nov 5, 2013 6:00 PM

**LOCATION OF MEETING:** Valley Regional Hospital, Claremont  
Newport, NH – 10 North Main Street, SRB  
Community Room Buckley Conference Room

**TYPE OF MEETING** (Full Delegation, Executive Finance, Special and type):  
Meeting with Valley Regional about health care  
FY 2014 County Budget – Delegation Convention

**Directions:** Please sign beside your name below and place a check mark in the appropriate column if you attended the Executive Finance Committee Meeting and / or Full Delegation Meeting.

Please return this sheet at the end of the meeting to Commissioners Office staff. Thank you.

REPRESENTATIVE NAME	EFC ✓	FULL MEETING ✓	SIGNATURE
Rep. John Cloutier		✓	John R. Cloutier
Rep. Ray Gagnon		✓	
Rep. Sue Gottling			
Rep. Jim Grenier		✓	Jim Grenier
Rep. Virginia Irwin			
Rep. Benjamin Lefebvre			
Rep. Andrew Scott O'Hearne			
Rep. Joe Osgood		✓	Joe Osgood
Rep. Skip Rollins			
Rep. Andy Schmidt		✓	Andy Schmidt
Rep. Steve Smith		✓	
Rep. Cynthia Sweeney		✓	C. Sweeney
Rep. Linda Tanner			



**Sullivan County NH  
Delegation Special Meeting Notice**

**Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - 6:00 PM**

**Place:**

Valley Regional Hospital  
Buckley Conference Room  
243 Elm Street  
Claremont NH 03743

The Sullivan County State Delegation will convene **Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 6:00 PM in Claremont, NH**, at the Valley Regional Hospital's Buckley Conference Room. The main purpose of this special meeting is to discuss Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield's recent decision to exclude Valley Regional from the health insurer's approved network of health care providers, and possible legislative remedies. Valley Regional CEO Peter Wright has requested this evening meeting at the hospital so that he and his staff may discuss this exclusion before the start of the special legislative session on Nov. 7.

Other new or old business may be discussed during the meeting.

Special Meeting Notice Issued by:  
Honorable John Cloutier  
State-County Delegation Chair  
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